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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON ASEAN,
INDOCHINA, PRC AND U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER INVITED AMBASSADOR IN FOR PREVIEW OF
FUKUDA ASEAN VISIT. HE NOTED JAPAN'S WISH COOPERATE
ON ASEAN PROJECTS IF FEASIBILITY STUDIES ENCOURAGING
AND SAID JAPAN WOULD NOT PROMISE PREFERENTIAL TRADE
ARRANGEMENTS OR STABEX SCHEME. HE ALSO REVIEWED
JAPANESE POLICY TOWARD SOUTH ASIA, INDOCHINA, PRC AND
U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE REITERATED CONCERN
THAT THERE BE NO SURPRISES FOR JAPAN FROM SECRETARY'S
PEKING VISIT. NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR ARRIVED FOR
INITIAL CALL TOWARD CLOSE OUR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR
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SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA ASKED AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD
TO CALL AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUGUST 3, AT
PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST, TO BRIEF HIM ON FUKUDA'S
FORTHCOMING ASEAN TRIP. HATOYAMA SAID PRIME MINISTER'S
WISH WAS TO SEE ASEAN DEVELOP AS A STRONG ECONOMIC

UNIT THROUGH ITS OWN SELF RELIANCE AND WITH JAPANESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND MORAL SUPPORT. HE SAID JAPAN PLANS TO GIVE CAREFUL STUDY TO FIVE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND TO COOPERATE ON PROJECTS THAT TURN OUT TO BE FEASIBLE.

2. HE SAID JAPAN RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF PRIMARY GOODS EXPORTS FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES AND IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO JAPAN'S MARKET IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ASEAN EXPORT PRICES AND TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS. JAPAN RECOGNIZED THAT PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS WOULD FOSTER FORMATION OF AN UNDESIRABLE TRADING BLOC AND THAT JAPAN THEREFORE WOULD TURN ASIDE REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND WOULD INSTEAD IMPROVE GSP, ESPECIALLY FOR PRODUCTS IMPORTANT TO ASEAN. AS TO ASEAN REQUESTS FOR STABEX-TYPE ARRANGEMENTS, PRIME MINISTER WILL TELL ASEAN COUNTRIES THAT JAPAN CANNOT COMPLY WITH THEIR REQUESTS OR INITIATE STABEX ARRANGEMENTS ON ITS OWN BUT WOULD AGREE TO START STUDY FOR FUTURE ALONG LINES OF AGREEMENT AT CIEC. HE SAID JAPAN ALSO WILL INDICATE SUPPORT FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION FOR COMMON FUND AS DISCUSSED AT CIEC.

3. HATOYAMA SAID THAT FOLLOWING KUALA LUMPUR SUMMIT SESSIONS PRIME MINISTER WILL DISCUSS BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS IN FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES PLUS BURMA.
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4. IN EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT FOR ASEAN UNITY EFFORTS FUKUDA WILL PROBE FOR ASEAN IDEAS ABOUT WHICH SORTS OF CULTURAL PROGRAMS ASEAN COUNTRIES CONSIDER MOST FEASIBLE FOR JAPAN TO SUPPORT.

5. HATOYAMA CLOSED HIS OUTLINE OF JAPAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT WE COULD CONTINUE CONTACT SO U.S. AND JAPAN WOULD KEEP INFORMED OF EACH OTHER'S PROGRESS.

6. AMBASSADOR THANKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR PREVIEW OF PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP, WELCOMED JAPANESE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN NEEDS AND SAID HE BELIEVED PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP WOULD HELP ASEAN COUNTRIES REALIZE BOTH THEIR NEED FOR HELP FROM JAPAN AND JAPAN'S RECOGNITION OF THEIR IMPORTANCE AS A SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS. HE SAID HE HOPED TRIP WOULD RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT OF GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GENERAL INTERDEPENDENCE.

7. AMBASSADOR RECALLED THAT U.S. WOULD BE HOLDING

ITS FIRST FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN IN SEPTEMBER
AND THAT THEY SHOULD LEAD TO A CLOSER U.S. RELATION-
SHIP WITH ASEAN.

8. HATOYAMA ALSO BRIEFLY REVIEWED HIS OWN RECENT
TRIP TO NEPAL, INDIA AND BANGLADESH. HE SAID HE FELT
INDIA WAS DETERMINED TO DEVELOP A TRULY NON-ALIGNED
POLICY AND THUS MOVE CLOSER TO U.S. AND JAPAN.

9. TURNING TO INDOCHINA, HATOYAMA SAID JAPAN NEEDED
TO MAINTAIN PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM
IN ORDER TO HAVE FORUM TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF OUTSTANDING
JAPANESE CLAIMS IN VIETNAM. HE SAID RELATIONS WITH
LAOS WERE SATISFACTORY BUT THAT CAMBODIA CONTINUED TO
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PRESENT ABNORMAL SITUATION.

10. AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED CAMBODIA AS MOST ISOLATED
COUNTRY IN ASIA, LAOS AS MOVING TOWARD BECOMING
SATELLITE OF VIETNAM. HE SAID HE FELT VIETNAM WISHED
TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS AND THE PRC AND THAT IT
HOPES THE WEST WILL HELP WITH DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY
OF OFF-SHORE OIL. HE SAID THAT THE EMOTIONALISM
GENERATED BY THE WAR PROBABLY MEANT THAT THERE COULD
BE NO DIRECT U.S. AID FOR SOME YEARS TO COME AND THAT
AID WOULD HAVE TO COME THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. HE STRESSED THAT THE WORLD
CANNOT IGNORE 50 MILLION INDOCHINESE AND THAT THE
VIETNAMESE NEED FOR HARD CURRENCY MAY PRESENT USEFUL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE.

11. TURNING TO RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, HATOYAMA
RECALLED HIS CONSERVATIONS WITH SECRETARY AT PARIS
OECD MEETINGS AND SECRETARY'S BELIEF AT THAT TIME THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO SURPRISES FROM HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP.
HATOYAMA NOTED THAT U.S. HAS TAIWAN PROBLEM, THAT

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SECRETARY'S ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH HAD TOUCHED ON THE
ISSUE AND REITERATED THAT JAPAN WAS GREATLY INTERESTED
IN ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH PRC.

12. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED RECENT U.S. POLICY TOWARD
PRC AND ITS CONTINUITY THROUGH SUCCEEDING ADMINISTRATIONS.
HE NOTED DIFFICULTY OVER RESOLVING STATUS OF TAIWAN
AND PEKING'S INTEREST IN U.S. ADOPTING "JAPANESE FORMULA."
HE SAID HE EXPECTED NO SURPRISES FROM SECRETARY'S
VISIT BUT THAT SECRETARY WILL GO WITH SOME PROPOSALS
AND THAT THERE WILL BE SOME FURTHER DELAYS ON TAIWAN
SITUATION.

13. HATOYAMA SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD BEEN HEARING
LITTLE RUMORS THAT THERE MIGHT BE MAJOR PROGRESS
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DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED
THAT WE HAD AS YET NO INFORMATION ON WHAT ITEMS OF
SUBSTANCE WERE TO BE DISCUSSED AND THEREFORE NO
PREDICTIONS ABOUT OUTCOME.

14. TURNING TO U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS, HATOYAMA NOTED
THAT JAPAN'S BILATERAL TRADE SURPLUS CONTINUES TO
INCREASE. HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WAS WATCHING
THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND HOPED TO TAKE DECISIONS
LATER IN AUGUST TO ADOPT ECONOMIC POLICIES THAT MEET
THE TRADE ISSUE. HE SAID SOME VOICES IN THE LDP FEEL
THAT ACTION IS NEEDED NOW BUT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER

FELT HE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNED FROM ASEAN SWING.
REGARDING OUR BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS, HE URGED THAT
THEY BE DEALT WITH AT EARLY STAGES BEFORE PROBLEMS
GET OUT OF HAND. HE SAID THAT UNDER FREE TRADING SYSTEM
IT WAS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TAKE PROMPT ACTIONS.
AMBASSADOR SAID HE SHARED VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT
TO TAKE EARLY ACTION BUT THAT HE RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTIES
AS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN STEEL CASE.

15. AS WE WERE LEAVING OUR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR
MEETING, HATOYAMA WAS PREPARING TO RECEIVE NEW CHINESE
AMBASSADOR FOR HIS INITIAL CALL.

16. ACTION REQUESTED. I AM SURE I NEED NOT STRESS
IMPORTANCE OF GIVING JAPAN ADVANCE CONFIDENTIAL NOTICE
OF ANY SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN U.S. POSITION TOWARD PRC.
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